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FIGHTER SQUADRON ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN

COMMAND HISTORY

CALENDAR YEAR 1976

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PART I

VF-114 CHRONOLOGY 1976

PART II

NARRATIVE

VF-114 CHRONOLOGY 1976

1 JAN - 1 FEB Began F-14A transition training. All group IX personnel transferred to VF-124.

2 FEB First VF-114 Aircrew began transition training.

13 FEB Change of Command.

14 FEB - 31 DEC RAG Training.

8 AUG - 16 SEP LT (b) (6) and AVCM (b) (6) observed F-14 operations with CVW-14 while enroute to the Philippines.

23 - 24 OCT Airshow at NAS Miramar.

2 - 5 DEC CO Briefed NROTC Unit of University of Oklahoma and VT-10 at NAS Pensacola on the F-14.

23 DEC CVW-11 Change of Command.

24 - 31 DEC Holiday standdown.

PART III

DOCUMENTARY ANNEXES

PART III A

ROSTER OF OFFICERS 1975

FIGHTER SQUADRON ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN
FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
96601

OFFICER PRECEDENCE LIST

5 August 1976

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SSAN/DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>DOR</u>	<u>PRD</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
CDR Walter J. DAVIS, Jr.	(b) (6)	JUL 73	MAY 77	Commanding Officer
CDR Theodore M. WANNER	(b) (6)	JUL 75	AUG 78	Executive Officer
LCDR (b) (6)	(b) (6)	SEP 75	SEP 78	Administrative Officer
LCDR (b) (6)	(b) (6)	MAY 76	SEP 78	Maintenance Officer
LCDR (b) (6)	(b) (6)	JUL 76	SEP 78	Operations Officer
LT (b) (6)	(b) (6)	JUL 71	SEP 78	Safety Officer
LT (b) (6)	(b) (6)	JUL 71	SEP 78	Assistant CPS/TRNG
LT (b) (6)	(b) (6)	JAN 72	SEP 78	Quality Assurance/Line
LT (b) (6)	(b) (6)	JUL 74	JUL 78	AMU-1 MAINT Control (Night)
LT (b) (6)	(b) (6)	OCT 74	SEP 78	Weapons Training Officer
LT (b) (6)	(b) (6)	DEC 75	SEP 78	AV/WEPS Division Officer
LT (b) (6)	(b) (6)	APR 76	MAR 79	AMU-1 MAINT Control (Day)
LT (b) (6)	(b) (6)	JUL 76	SEP 78	LSO/NATOPS
LT (b) (6)	(b) (6)	JUL 76	SEP 78	Personnel Officer
LTJG (b) (6)	(b) (6)	MAR 75	SEP 78	COMM/PAO/DAPA/Assistant ADMIN
LTJG (b) (6)	(b) (6)	MAY 75	SEP 78	Airframes Branch Officer
LTJG (b) (6)	(b) (6)	JUN 75	MAR 79	Maintenance ADMIN
LTJG (b) (6)	(b) (6)	JUN 75	AUG 78	Material Control Officer
LTJG (b) (6)	(b) (6)	JUN 75	MAR 77	AIO/SECMAN/Legal Officer
LTJG (b) (6)	(b) (6)	OCT 75	SEP 78	First Lieutenant
ENS (b) (6)	(b) (6)	JUN 76	NOV 76	Assistant NATOPS
CWO2 (b) (6)	(b) (6)	AUG 71	NOV 76	Armament Branch Officer

Total On Board: 22

PART III B

ENLISTED ROSTER 1975

FIGHTER SQUADRON ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN
FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94101

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PART III C

FLIGHT/AIRCRAFT ON BOARD

During 1976 the Aardvarks of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN served under the leadership of Commander R. S. PARKER, USN. On 13 February 1976 Commander W. J. DAVIS, Jr., USN relieved Commander R. S. PARKER at a formal Change of Command ceremony held at Naval Air Station Miramar, San Diego, CA.

During 1976 Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN was based ashore at Naval Air Station Miramar as a component of Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN. Beginning the month of January and continuing throughout the entire year the squadron underwent transition training from the F-4J "PHANTOM" to the F-14A "TOMCAT" aircraft.

The month of January was spent in a myriad of activity. All seven remaining F-4J's were transferred to Fighter Squadron FIFTY-ONE and Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN. The Sundowners of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN received the last F-4J, NH 104, BUNO 157257, in a transfer ceremony presided over by Rear Admiral L. A. SNEAD, USN, Commander Fighter Airborne Early Warning Wing, U. S. Pacific Fleet. It would not be until September before the orange striped aircraft would once again color the sky with the arrival of the first F-14A.

Also in January and continuing into February the squadron prepared for transition by transferring over one half of the maintenance personnel to other F-4 squadrons. The remaining maintenance personnel were transferred for temporary additional duty to Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR, the readiness training squadron. There they received extensive FRAMP and on-the-job-training on the related aircraft systems. Administrative personnel were retained in the squadron to perform normally required administrative functions.

On 2 February Lieutenant (junior grade) (b) (6) USNR, became the first "Fighting Aardvark" to undergo aircrew training in the F-14A "TOMCAT". Over the next eleven months seven Naval Flight Officers and eight pilots from the squadron would receive the RAG's blessings in the supersonic, swept wing fighter.

From 8 August through 16 September Lieutenant (b) (6) (b) (6) USN, and Airframes Master Chief (b) (6) USN, deployed as the command's representative for temporary duty with Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN aboard the USS ENTERPRISE, (CVN-65) to observe first hand, F-14A carrier operations.

On 30 September Commander Walter J. DAVIS, Jr., and Lieutenant (b) (6) (b) (6), arrived at NAS Miramar with the first F-14A "TOMCAT", NH 105, BUNO 159862. The aircraft was flown from the Grumman Aircraft Plant in Bethpage, New York, however,

enroute from an intermediate stop at Little Rock AFB, the aircraft experienced a massive failure of the combined hydraulic system and CDR DAVIS made an emergency landing at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City. Squadron personnel were flown to repair the damage, and after two days of working round the clock, the place was ready to continue its maiden flight.

The aircraft finally arrived at Naval Air Station Miramar without further incident. The Aardvarks received nine additional aircraft before year's end. Six came directly from the Grumman Plant, one came via VF-124, one from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron FOUR and one which was used in a Flap/Slat evaluation at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland.

On October 23 and 24 the "Aardvarks" performed in an Air Show with the Navy's Blue Angels and the F-4J "PHANTOM II". An F-14A aircraft piloted by Lieutenant (b) (6) and his Radar Intercept Officer, Lieutenant (b) (6), demonstrated a high performance take-off and fly-by opposite the F-4.

On the second of December the Commanding Officer led a section of our new F-14A's to Oklahoma University and the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida. CDR DAVIS, his RIO Lieutenant (junior grade) (b) (6), Lieutenant (b) (6) and Lieutenant (b) (6) briefed enthusiastic NROTC students at the Norman campus and VT-10 students at NAS Pensacola on the role of the fighter in Naval Aviation.

In December, the squadron completed aircrew transition when Lieutenant (b) (6) USN, (b) (6) USN, and Lieutenant (junior grade) (b) (6), USNR, successfully completed the F-14 carrier qualifications.

On 23 December the officer and men participated in the formal Change of Command ceremony when CDR S. A. LEEDS relieved CDR W. H. BYNG, Jr. as Commander Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN.

The end of the year was spent in a festive holiday atmosphere in anticipation of standing up on 1 January 1977 as a full pledged "TOMCAT" squadron.

OPERATIONS

Operationally, 1976 can be separated into three segments. An F-4 standown, a transition period and an F-14 standup.

- a. F-4 Standdown January 1976
20 Hours of F-4 flight time
- b. Transition February - December 1976
Squadron aircrewmembers accumulated approximately 1200 hours of F-14A flight time and about 300 arrested landings while completing the transition from F-4J's to the F-14A.
- c. F-14A Standup September - December 1976

On September 30, the squadron received the first of 12 F-14A (Block 90) aircraft. The first seven aircraft were flown directly from Grumman Aircraft Corporation, Peconic, New York and the remaining aircraft were received from VF-124, VX-4 and Patuxent River Naval Test Center. At the end of 1976 approximately 300 hours of F-14A time has been accumulated in squadron aircraft.

1976 FLIGHT STATISTICS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DAY HRS</u>	<u>NIGHT HRS</u>	<u>TOTAL HRS</u>	<u>CV LANDINGS</u> <u>DAY/T&G/NIGHT</u>		
JAN	19.6	0	19.6	21	0	0
FEB	4.9	0	4.9	4	0	0
MAR	36.7	3.0	39.7	19	0	1
APR	27.0	3.6	39.7	27	0	2
MAY	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUN	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUL	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUG	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEP	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCT	28.9	7.7	36.6	24	0	6
NOV	121.6	41.4	163.0	105	0	98
DEC	127.9	51.8	179.7	141	4	189

1976 AIRCRAFT ON BOARD

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT</u>
JAN	7 - F4J
FEB	0
MAR	0
APR	0
MAY	0
JUN	0
JUL	0
AUG	0
SEP	1 - F14A
OCT	3 - F14A
NOV	8 - F14A
DEC	10 - F14A

PART III C 2
AWARDS

DATE	NAME	RATE	AWARD
1 APR 76	(b) (6)	PNSN	AWARD OF THE MONTH APRIL '76
1 MAY 76	(b) (6)	AK2	AWARD OF THE MONTH MAY '76
1 JUN 76	(b) (6)	PNSN	AWARD OF THE MONTH JUN '76
1 JUL 76	(b) (6)	ADT2	AWARD OF THE MONTH JUL '76
1 AUG 76	(b) (6)	AMH2	AWARD OF THE MONTH AUG '76
1 SEP 76	(b) (6)	MS2	AWARD OF THE MONTH SEP '76
13 AUG 76	(b) (6)	AMH1	LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM VF124
13 AUG 76	(b) (6)	AMS1	LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM VF124
30 AUG 76	(b) (6)	AOC	LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM VF114
16 AUG 76	(b) (6)	AMISAA	LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM VF124
16 AUG 76	(b) (6)	AT3	LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM VF124
10 AUG 76	(b) (6)	AT2	LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM VF114
9 AUG 76	(b) (6)	AMS1	CITATION FROM COMFIT FOR SAILOR OF YEAR
26 FEB 76	(b) (6)	AMEC	LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM VF114
3 FEB 76	(b) (6)	AT1	LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM VF114
3 FEB 76	(b) (6)	AMH1	LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM VF114
22 FEB 76	(b) (6)	AK2	GOOD CONDUCT AWARD #2
28 AUG 76	(b) (6)	YN1	GOOD CONDUCT AWARD #2
15 MAY 76	(b) (6)	AMH1	GOOD CONDUCT AWARD #3
22 FEB 76	(b) (6)	AMH2	GOOD CONDUCT AWARD #1
7 JUN 76	(b) (6)	YN1	GOOD CONDUCT AWARD #3
13 AUG 76	(b) (6)	MAJ3	(VF-111) MUC
13 AUG 76	(b) (6)	AQ3	(VF-111) MUC
13 AUG 76	(b) (6)	NE2	(VF-111) MUC
16 AUG 76	(b) (6)	AMISAA	LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM VF-124
1 OCT 76	(b) (6)	AT3	AWARD OF THE MONTH OCT '76

DATE	NAME	RATE	AWARD
20 OCT 76	(b) (6)	ADJ1	LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM NAS MIRAMAR
20 OCT 76	(b) (6)	ADJ3	LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM NAS MIRAMAR
20 OCT 76	(b) (6)	ADJAN	LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM NAS MIRAMAR
23 NOV 76	(b) (6)	ANSAK	LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM WF-124
23 NOV 76	(b) (6)	AMH1	GOOD CONDUCT AWARD
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	LT	LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM NAS MIRAMAR
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	NCI	LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM RETENTION O. COMBAT
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AUCM	GOOD CONDUCT SEVENTH
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AO1	GOOD CONDUCT SECOND
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AMS1	GOOD CONDUCT THIRD
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AE2	GOOD CONDUCT FIRST
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AE2	GOOD CONDUCT FIRST
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AQ3	GOOD CONDUCT FIRST
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	NC1	ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AMS1	" " " "
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	HAIF1	" " " "
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AO1	" " " "
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AO1	" " " "
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AE2	" " " "
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AMS2	" " " "
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AT2	" " " "
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AT2	" " " "
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AT3	" " " "
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AMH3	" " " "
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AO3	" " " "
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	HT3	" " " "
23 DEC 76	(b) (6)	AMHAP	" " " "

DATE	NAME	RATE	AWARD
25 JAN 77	(b) (6)	AO3	ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL
"	(b) (6)	AE3	" " "
"	(b) (6)	AME3	" " "
"	(b) (6)	AOJ3	" " "
"	(b) (6)	AOAN	" " "
"	(b) (6)	LT	.45 CAL EXPERT PISTOL MEDAL
"	(b) (6)	LTJG	" " "
"	(b) (6)	AO1	" " "
"	(b) (6)	LT	LETTER OF APPRECIATION NAS MIRAMAR
"	(b) (6)	BMI	LETTER OF APPRECIATION CUWH & TACON

PART III D

COMMANDING OFFICER'S BIOGRAPHIES

FIGHTER SQUADRON ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN

**FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

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BIOGRAPHY OF COMMANDER WALTER JACKSON DAVIS Jr.

Commander DAVIS received his commission in June 1959 through the NROTC Program at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio where he was awarded a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree. Following commissioning, Ensign DAVIS entered flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in December 1960 at Kingsville, Texas. He was then assigned to Fighter Squadron 121 where he underwent training in the F3H Demon. He shortly thereafter transitioned to the F4H Phantom jet as a member of the "Puking Dogs" of Fighter Squadron 143. In June 1964 he reported to the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California where he was awarded the degrees: Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering and Master of Science in Aeronautical Electronics. In 1967 he again reported to Fighter Squadron 143 for two combat tours in Vietnam. In 1970 he attended the Naval Test Pilot School, Patuxent River, Maryland and was subsequently ordered to the Weapons Test Division as a project pilot. In July 1973 he attended the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. He reported to the famous "Aardvarks" of Fighter Squadron 114 in October 1974 and assumed the duties of Executive Officer. On 13 February 1976 Commander DAVIS took command of Fighter Squadron 114 and began to oversee the squadron's transition from the F4J Phantom to the F14 Tomcat.

Commander DAVIS is the son of Mr. and Mrs. (b) (6)

(b) (6) (b) (6) He and

his wife, the former (b) (6) of (b) (6)

(b) (6) reside with their two daughters, (b) (6)

(b) (6)

CDR RICHARD S. PARKER

Commander Richard S. Parker, a native of (b) (6), entered the Naval Aviation Officer Candidate program in 1953 following graduation from the (b) (6). After designation as a Naval Aviator, he reported to VF-91 as an F-4 Crusader fighter pilot and made two cruises with his first squadron aboard USS *Intrepid* (CV-11). This was followed by a three-year tour of instructor duty in the F-4 training squadron, VF-121 at NAS Miramar. Two combat cruises followed with VF-162 aboard USS *Yorktown* (CV-10) and then CDR Parker was transferred to the West Coast for the 1967 Mediterranean cruise with VF-13 and the USS *Intrepid* (CV-11). After another short tour with VF-121 he was again assigned to the USS *Intrepid*, this time with VF-154, for two more combat cruises in 1969 through 1970. A third short tour with VF-121 was followed by a transfer to VF-121, the F-4 training squadron, where he transitioned to the F-4 Phantom II jet fighter.

CDR Parker remained with VF-121 as Maintenance Officer until 1971 when he attended the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. He then returned to VF-121 as Executive Officer. In August 1973 CDR Parker assumed duties as Executive Officer of the VF-114 "Fighting Hardheads".

CDR Parker is married to the former (b) (6) (b) (6)

(b) (6) They presently reside with their children, (b) (6)

(b) (6)